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FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION (Includes PCT)

Attorney Docket No.
66867-001-8

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

VENT FOR AND METHOD OF CONCEALING AND VENTING A SEPTIC SYSTEM

the specification of which (check one): ☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____.

☐ was filed as PCT international application no. _____ and was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I do not know and do not believe the claimed invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

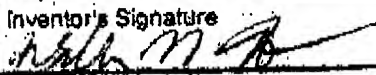
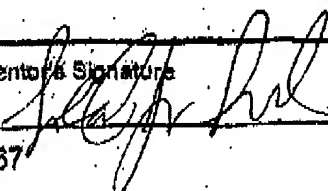
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I hereby declare that the statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief so believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements in this application are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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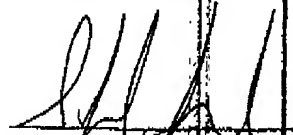
**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
37 C.F.R. §§1.9(f) and 1.27(b))--INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As the inventor named below, I declare that I qualify as an inventor, under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 (c), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office, under 35 U.S.C. §§41 (a) and (b), with regard to the invention entitled

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 (c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 (d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 (e).

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small business entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. §1.28 (b)).

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